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Ga. Grower Wins House Seat, Tobacco Foes Lose

The new Congress will include a south Georgia tobacco farmer. Lindsay Thomas, 38, of Screven, defeated Republican State Rep. Herb Jones to win the seat formerly held by Rep. Ronald (Bo) Ginn, an unsuccessful Senate candidate.

Two outspoken critics in the House of the Federal Government's tobacco price support program were defeated. Rep. Robert N. Shamansky (D-Ohio) was beaten by John R. Kasich (R) and Rep. Paul Findley (R-Ill.), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, was defeated by Richard J. Durbin (D).

Victory In California

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Two key Republican members of that House committee were not re-elected. William C. Wampler (Va.), its ranking Republican member and a nine-term veteran, and freshman John L. Napier (S.C.) were beaten by Democrats Frederick C. Boucher and Robert M. Tallon Jr.

In the Senate, another opponent of price supports, Sen. Howard M. Metzenbaum (D-Ohio), easily won re-election.

Tobaccoland Results

Paul Trible (R-Va.) was the only newly elected Senator from a tobacco state. He replaces Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr.

Two first-term North Carolina Republican Representatives, Bill Hendon and W. Eugene Johnston III, were defeated by Democrats James McClure Clarke and Charles Robin Britt.

Other new Representatives from tobacco districts include, in Georgia, Democrats Richard Ray and J. Roy Rowland. In North Carolina, I. T. (Tim) Valentine Jr. (D) replaces the retiring Rep. L. H. Fountain (D).

John Spratt (D) was elected in South Carolina and Jim Cooper (D) and Don Sundquist (R) from Tennessee. Cooper, a 28-year-old lawyer from Shelbyville, defeated Cissy Baker, daughter of Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr.

Virginia sent Herbert H. Bateman (R), Norman Sisisky (D), and James R. Olin (D) to the new Congress from tobacco areas.

Anti-Smoking Legislation

Sponsors of a number of anti-tobacco bills were returned to Congress.

Sen. Orrin G. Hatch (R-Utah) and Reps. Henry A. Waxman (D-Calif.) and Edward R. Madigan (R-Ill.), all instrumental in the push to "strengthen" the cigarette health warning, won easy reelection.

Five Democratic Congressmen who have proposed higher cigarette taxes were returned: Claude D. Pepper (Fla.), Thomas R. Harkin (Iowa), John Conyers Jr. (Mich.), James L. Oberstar (Minn.), and Fortney H. Stark (Calif.).

Democrats Andrew Jacobs Jr. (Ind.) and John J. Moakley (Mass.), who have introduced legislation on "self-extinguishing" cigarettes, were returned. Also back in Congress are Reps. Thomas E. Petri (R-Wis.) and James H. Weaver (D-Ore.), who sponsored legislation to end tobacco price supports; Rep. C. W. Bill Young (R-Fla.), who proposed restricting smoking on public transportation, and Rep. Robert W. Kastenmeier (D-Wis.), who introduces in each Congress a bill refusing a business tax deduction for cigarette advertising expenditures.

Va. Sen.-elect Paul Trible

National Tobacco Council Established In Capital

C. N. (Kirk) Wayne has been elected chairman of The National Tobacco Council, a new policy group including members from all segments of the tobacco industry.

The NTC will serve as a forum for consideration of legislative and regulatory issues and for mobilizing support for common concerns. Wayne is president of Tobacco Associates, which represents flue cured tobacco farmers with offices in Washington, D.C., and Raleigh, N.C.

Serving as elected offices of the NTC will be:

• Vice Chairman Albert G. Clay, chairman of the board, Burley Auction Warehouse Association, Mt. Sterling, Ky.

• Vice Chairman S. T. Moore Jr., president, Virginia State Farm Bureau Federation, South Hill, Va.

• Vice Chairman Malcolm L. Fleischer, managing director, Retail Tobacco Dealers Association, New York City.

• Secretary Horace R. Kornegay, chairman, The Tobacco Institute, Washington, D.C.

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Members of the NTC's executive committee also include: Fred G. Bond, general manager, Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corp., Raleigh; James C. Bowling, senior vice president and assistant to the chairman of the board, Philip Morris, New York City; Lioniel S. Edwards, managing director, Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Raleigh.

Also, W. Brooks George, chairman of the board, Larus & Brother Co., Richmond, Va.; Joseph H. Greer, vice president and general counsel, Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., Durham, N.C.; Adron Harden, legislative director, Georgia Farm Bureau, Macon.

Also, James Hoffman, president, Burley Stabilization Corp., Knoxville, Tenn.; Edward A. Horrigan Jr., chief executive officer and chairman of the board, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N.C.; Curtis H. Judge, president, Lorillard, New York City.

Also, Dr. Hugh C. Kiger, executive vice president, Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association and Tobacco Association of U.S., Raleigh; William A. O'Flaherty, counselor to the NTC, Richmond; Ernest Pepples, senior vice president and general counsel, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., Louisville, Ky., and Frank B. Snodgrass, vice president, Burley & Dark Leaf Tobacco Export Association, Washington, D.C.

In the News

An anti-smoker in Lynnfield, Mass., a tiny town north of Boston, collected the necessary signatures for a town meeting vote on a measure requiring restaurants to set aside one-quarter of their seating for nonsmokers. The state's restaurant association led the campaign against the proposal, explaining that they are in business to satisfy customers and best can do that without government regulation. The town meeting voted 205 to 133 to defeat the proposal.

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Airline consumer complaints dropped 31 percent in the first half of 1982, according to the Civil Aeronautics Board. Complaints about smoking dropped from 2.9 to 2.3 percent of the total. Most complaints continue to concern flight problems, lost or damaged baggage, and oversales.

"Airline responsiveness to consumer needs has increased with deregulation," said John Golden, a CAB official. "This has had a positive effect on the reduced number of complaints."

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As part of Fire Prevention Week, the New York City Fire Department honored The Tobacco Institute, Shepard Pollack, president of Philip Morris USA, and other individuals and corporations for helping to foster and underwrite the department's fire prevention efforts.

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